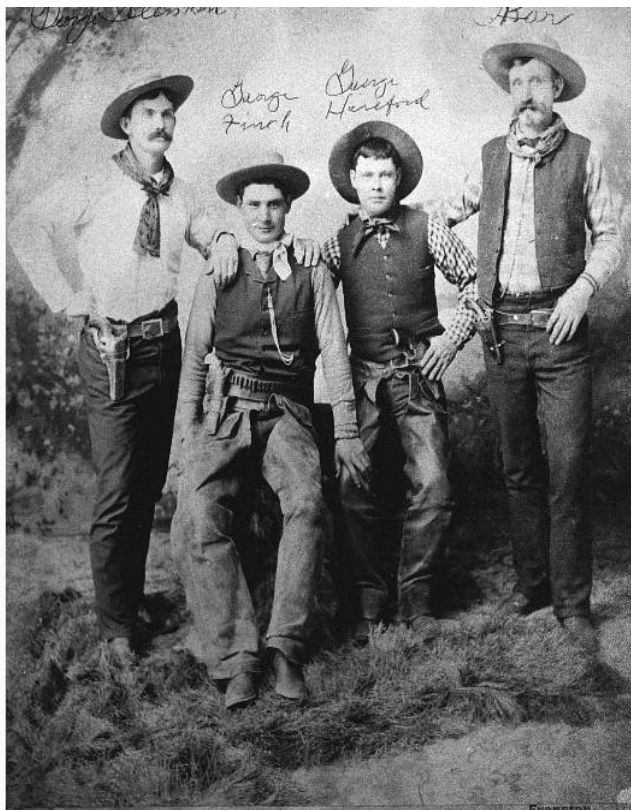


# Battle Born Rangers Newsletter

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## From our club president -Bordello Fellow

Howdy All,

Well another month has come and gone. The Western Regional's are over and the results are in the books. Congratulations to Fanner Fifty and Nevada Starr for wining first place in their categories. In addition Wylie Fox and Bordello Fellow placed 3rd in their categories. Well done to all who shot the match. Speaking of "Away Matches" there are a number of good matches coming up. Nevada State Wild Bunch Championship and Eldorado Championship is happening in Bolder City September 26 & 27 (WB) and 29 & 30 (Eldorado) is when it is scheduled. Do not forget Helldorado in Ukiah, CA. That match is Sept. 21 - 24th. It is a challenging course of fire. Then there is the Calif. Wild Bunch State Championship, November 16 - 18th. Then in October there is Peaceful's End of Track in Railroad Flats, Calif. That is Oct. 12 - 15th. If that is not enough for you, let's not forget that Nevada Starr and Gold



Rush Allie is bringing us "A Blast from the Past Match" which sounds like tons of fun. Details are on our web site. With fun events, 8 stages, camping, lunch, and ice cream social, it should be an event to be

remembered. Speaking of events, On August 6th shooters meeting I asked our members about dates for Roop County Days 2024. I provided some dates and everyone who was there voted either for or against the dates. The membership voted to hold the 28th Annual Roop County Days on June 15th - 22nd, 2024. It was agreed that we would once again put on three matches and ask if Silver State would like to join in again. I have sent SASS the application for the State Black Powder Championship and am waiting to hear back. The format will be the same as this year. If Silver State participants, their match will be June 15th, Wild Bunch/Teddy Roosevelt will be June 16th/17th. If approved, Nevada State Black Powder Championship, June 18th & 19th. Then RCD/Tom Horn Western States Championship would be June 20th - 22nd. So please mark your calendars for June. In addition, I will be asking for more help with all the tasks that need to be addressed. Perhaps during the provided lunch at the "Blast from the Past" match I can review RCD 2023 budget. Working with a couple of members, I now have profit/lost statements broken down for each shooter and match. In addition, I have overall profit/lost statement for the entire event, both by shooter and matches. Should be eye opening and help planning for next year. This also would be a good time for members provide feedback as to how you would like next years match to run. As to a boarder war with the people's republic, working on setting a date. With all the different shoots coming up, it is a challenge to find dates that will not interfere with the upcoming matches. I will continue working with Just Slim to see if we can get this done before next year. Fingers crossed. In the mean time I am still trying to develop a new stage. Have some parts and pieces and will start putting things together.

More on this later Short and to the point this month. See you around the range,  
Bordello

## From your Secretary – Jasper Agate



Howdy all,

For the HPD Aug cowboy match we had two posses and it looked like all in attendance had a good time. Ali had an exceptional day not only the sole clean shooter of the match she WHOOPED Flanigan as well. **Good Shooting girl!!!!!!** We had a pretty light turnout for the Aug ROOP monthly. We had lots of

folks down Churro Valley shooting the regional. We had 15 shooters with one posse and it was great seeing Never Miss Mitch and hanging out with the group!

The HPD Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> cowboy shoot we have Jackpot Jerry's plate rack stages and that should be a blast!!

For our Sept ROOP shoot we (Ali & Starr) have something special planned. The shoot will be both Saturday Sept 9<sup>th</sup> and Sunday Sept 10<sup>th</sup>. **Which means we will not be having our Sept Long-Range shoot.** The ladies have 4 stages for us each day based on the old days of SASS. The stages have

been sent out for you to peruse, print them off and bring them with you. They also have lots of activities to keep you busy after the match on Saturday. On Sunday after the match and the steel is put up we will have an outstanding lunch prepared for you. We'll be camping on the range and hope you can join us for the entire weekend. We'll be enjoying your company under the pavilion both Friday and Saturday nights. If you can't make it for the entire weekend you are welcome to join us for either day!! This is going to be a premiere event not to be missed and we want you to join us on the inaugural match that's sure to be loaded with fun and frivolity!! If you need any info or the on line stages either go to our website or contact NV.Starr at [janetteyoung@gmail.com](mailto:janetteyoung@gmail.com) **Please be sure to let Starr know you are going to join us so we know how much food to buy!!!**

See you on the range,  
Jasper

## From our Wild bunch Coordinator- Flanigan Flats



Howdy all,  
We had 7 shooters join us for the challenging and fun stages provided for us by Washoe Zephyr for the August monthly Wild Bunch (WB) match. We shot all four stages from the Bordello and they all pretty much revolved around the dueling tree. The match was won by JJ. It is interesting to me that the first 3 shooters in this match all shot traditional. Thanks to Wylie Fox Esquire and his fantastic as always WB RO course held the previous weekend we had a few new people step up and get some valuable experience holding the clock. Thanks to all of you!!  
I would like to take a moment to extend a very heartfelt thank you to Gold Rush Allie for taking care of us administratively and scoring the match for us and to Wild Bill Berry for coming out and helping us pick up our brass. Ya'all truly are angels sent to us from

God and you make these matches possible for the rest of us.

It looks like our next WB match is going to be on 2 September. I hope to see as many people there as possible.

Flanigan

<b>Next Months Matches</b>
Sept 2 <sup>nd</sup> Wild Bunch
Sept 3 <sup>rd</sup> HPD Cowboy -Pasco
Sept 9 <sup>th</sup> ROOP Blast from the Past
Sept 10 <sup>th</sup> More ROOP Blast from the Past



# From our Territorial governor – Wylie Fox Esquire

## Wild Bunch RO Course



The Wild Bunch Course had eight successful students. Two new students, Doubledown Dave and Nevada James. Six refresher students, Hawkeye Dick, Deadeye Dick, Gold Rush Allie, Flanigan Flats, Bordello Fello and Imus Offen.

## 2024 RO Courses

I would like to plan 2024 similar to 2023. Four Course dates. In the spring time after EOT, RO I refresher, RO I new students, RO II then in summer Wild Bunch. Both RO I courses are the same

material and anyone is welcome to attend either or both. The RO I for new students will focus along the material as developed for the course. The RO I refresher tends to be a bit looser providing in depth discussions sponsored by the students.

It is my goal to have ALL club members take the RO I course every two to four years and for all members who do “hold the clock” to take the ROII course every two to three years. Everyone who shoots Wild Bunch should take the WBRO course.

## What’s the Call Moving with closed SxS

There is currently a lengthy discussion regarding moving with a closed SxS. I find it interesting how so many shooters have a wide range of interpretations of the rules. Here is the link if you wish to read all the details.

<https://forums.sassnet.com/index.php?/topic/352615-whats-the-call-setting-sxs-down-with-action-closed-prior-to-starting-stage/#comments>

Here is a link with a video on the topic.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=viniPwYnVOE>

## TG meeting at the Western Regional.

Sadly, not much to report. Last year at this meeting the TG’s created letter to SASS headquarters. The letter listed eight issues of concern. The letter was never acknowledged. This year a letter is being created in hope it will get a reply.

## Looking for your comments

At the regional match there is a stage front with a hallway. It is a favorite stage of the host club. This year you staged rifle down range. Starting up range with shotgun in hand. At buzzer move downrange shoot shotgun, then move to downrange table stage shotgun and proceed to shoot rifle and pistol. When done shooting collect long guns and go back through the hallway (only path available) then head to unloading table.

I was picking brass in hallway as shooters headed to the unloading table, during which I saw down the barrels of many SxS shotguns. This was discussed at the start of the stage per SASS rules

Excerpt for Pale Wolf's web site <http://www.oowss.com/ROCornerIndex.htm>

The "problem" seems to be the parenthetical "generally "up" and slightly down range" as a definition of suggested "safe direction"... It should be obvious that the reference to "slightly down range" applies primarily DURING the stage engagement...if the muzzle of a firearm is pointed straight UP during the 'course of fire' (i.e. @ 180°), the shooter is in violation of the 170° rule. Once the stage has ended & the shooter is headed to the ULT, there are often personnel DOWN range (e.g. setting targets/picking brass)...at that point, "slightly downrange" might not necessarily be a "best practice" (depending on range/stage layout).

COMMON SENSE should be used to determine the safest direction to point muzzles when moving from the LT to the stage & from the stage to the ULT. UP has already been determined to be considered acceptable. The PRIMARY consideration is to avoid SWEEPING anyone with the muzzle of ANY firearm at ANY time.

I posed the following question on the RO Instructor Form

Could a Match Director, for a specific stage, make a rule to have any long guns that were brought downrange to be cleared downrange?

Of the five or so replies everyone feels the existing rules might not necessarily be a "best practice", but good enough.

I am looking for your comments. Should I pursue this with the TG's or let it go?

-wylie



